



# Press Release

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On: DECEMBER 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED  
DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.74 million head on December 1, down 4 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 5 percent from the November 1 level. Producers placed 320,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, down 27 percent from a year ago, and 51 percent below the October 2004 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 430,000 head during November, up 5 percent from last year but down 17 percent from the October 2004 total.

On December 1, there were 2.28 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 3 percent from last year, and down 5 percent from the November total.

October placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 249,000 head, down 55 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 21 percent from last month to 345,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004. This inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million head, 10 percent below November 2003. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 590,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 557,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 326,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 270,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million head, 6 percent above 2003.

Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed November 1		Placed on feed during November		Marketed during November		Other disappearance during November		On feed December 1	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona .....	278	321	26	35	19	23	1	4	284	329
California .....	495	525	62	66	52	53	5	8	500	530
Colorado .....	1,050	1,090	185	175	165	155	10	10	1,060	1,100
Idaho .....	295	305	64	50	47	48	2	2	310	305
Iowa .....	350	430	77	90	56	82	1	3	370	435
Kansas .....	2,430	2,400	425	390	350	370	25	30	2,480	2,390
Nebraska .....	2,140	2,210	410	410	260	310	10	10	2,280	2,300
New Mexico .....	118	134	22	14	17	16	2	3	121	129
Oklahoma .....	350	360	56	43	51	44	5	4	350	355
South Dakota .....	177	169	54	51	30	33	1	1	200	186
<b>TEXAS .....</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,740</b>
Washington .....	200	180	46	37	35	31	1	1	210	185
Other States .....	320	330	59	62	45	30	4	2	330	360
United States .....	11,043	11,334	1,926	1,743	1,537	1,625	97	108	11,335	11,344

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	During November									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado .....	72	60	45	55	40	35	28	25	185	175
Kansas .....	130	115	130	125	110	90	55	60	425	390
Nebraska .....	128	115	138	157	63	66	81	72	410	410
<b>TEXAS .....</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>320</b>
Other States .....	195	185	115	115	66	65	90	83	466	448
United States .....	680	590	578	557	379	326	289	270	1,926	1,743

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States <sup>1</sup> , December 1, 2002-2004										
Item	Number			2004 as Percent of						
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003					
	<i>1,000 head</i>					<i>Percent</i>				
On feed November 1 <sup>2/</sup> .....	10,785	11,043	11,334	105	103					
Placed on feed during November <sup>2/</sup> .....	1,982	1,926	1,743	88	90					
Fed cattle marketed during November <sup>2/</sup> .....	1,731	1,537	1,625	94	106					
Other disappearance during November <sup>2/ 3/</sup> ..	90	97	108	120	111					
On feed December 1 <sup>3/</sup> .....	10,946	11,335	11,344	104	100					

<sup>1</sup> The Cattle on Feed release has been modified to exclude calculation and publication of this historic 7 States. <sup>2</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>3</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots									
Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 2-S	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>								
On feed November 1 <sup>1/</sup> .....	2,403	201	81	25	17	31	66	56	2,880
Placed on feed during November .....	249	25	10	4	2	5	12	13	320
Marketed during November .....	345	42	13	5	3	5	7	10	430
Other disappearance during November <sup>2/</sup> .....	27	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	30
On feed December 1 <sup>1/</sup> .....	2,280	182	77	24	16	31	71	59	2,740

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